

To Participants in the Ballot Analysis Process:

Senate Bill 05-94 requires the Director of Research of the Legislative Council to conduct a public meeting before the draft of the ballot information booklet is finalized. At that meeting, the director and other members of the legislative staff have the opportunity to ask questions that arise in response to the written comments received. An excerpt of the pertinent statute is included at the end of this e-mail.

As required by Senate Bill 05-94, the Director of Research will convene a meeting on Friday, August 26, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 0109 of the State Capitol on the following ballot analyses:

Amendment T: No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition

Amendment U: Exempt Certain Possessory Interests from Property Taxes

Amendment 69: Statewide Health Care System

Initiative #101: State Minimum Wage

Initiative #145: Access to Medical Aid-in-Dying Medication

Initiative #96: Requirements for Constitutional Amendments

Initiative #75: Local Government Authority to Regulate Oil and Gas Development

Initiative #78: Increased Setback for Oil and Natural Gas Development

Initiative #98: Unaffiliated Voter Participation in Primary Elections

Initiative #140: Presidential Primary Elections

Initiative #143: Increase Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes

At this time, the legislative staff does not have any unanswered questions of the individuals who submitted written comments on the drafts of the ballot analysis. It is anticipated that the meeting will be very brief. No public testimony will be taken at the meeting.

Thank you for your interest and assistance thus far in the process.

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Excerpt from SB 05-94:

1-40-124.5. Ballot information booklet. (1.7)(a) After receiving written comments from the public in accordance with section 1 (7.5) (a) (II) of article V of the state constitution, but before the draft of the ballot information booklet is finalized, the director of research of the legislative council of the general assembly shall conduct a public meeting at which the director and other members of the legislative staff have the opportunity to ask questions that arise in response to the written comments. The director may modify the draft of the booklet in response to comments made at the hearing. The legislative council may modify the draft of the booklet upon the two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the legislative council.